

COBRA

Blue Rose

THE SPACE PIRATE



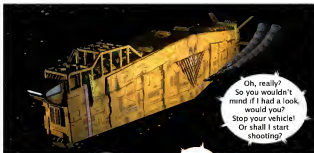
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Just let us go,
please! We're in
a hurry. We're
not carrying
anything
illegal!



Oh, really?
So you wouldn't
mind if I had a look,
would you?
Stop your vehicle!
Or shall I start
shooting?



But...
that's
crazy!

We need
to lose
the Galaxy
Patrol!



Don't stop.

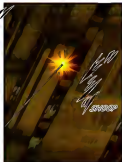
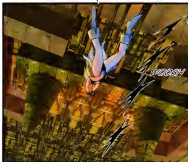


Shoot us?
I think she'd
actually do it,
too





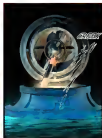
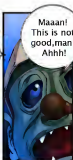




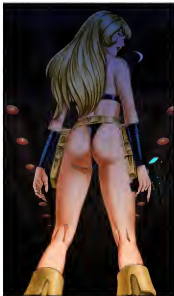


Death
Machines...!
Two can play
at this game!





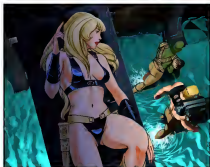




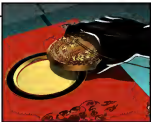
Why would the Death Machines be after this truck...?

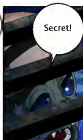




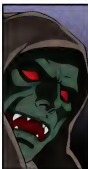
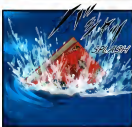


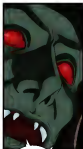
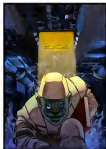












Things
are finally
looking up
for me!



Awesome,
the "Book
of Megid"!



With this,
I'm filthy
rich!



Cobra,
it's me,
Jack.



Oh... My bad.
It's been a long
time. Co... I mean
Joe. Joe Gilliam.
It's been what,
seven years?



Don't use
my name on
the space
channel.



I found
a treasure.

W... wait.
Don't
hang up!



Yeah,
nice to hear
from you Jack.
Call me again
in another
seven years.



It was fun.
We followed that
map, went to
Venus, and ended
up at a tourist
destination!

"A treasure,"
you say! You said
that once before.
You had that map
to an undiscovered
grave of a King!



Hahaha...
Sorry 'bout that.
I didn't know the
map was from
a souvenir shop
...



Yep,
the "Blue Rose."
The universe's
legendary secret
treasure.

RATTLE

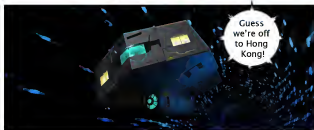
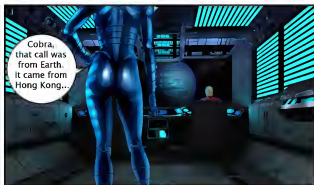


But this time,
I'm for real!
It's the
"Blue Rose"!

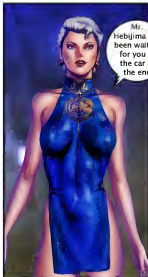


The Blue
Rose!









Mr. Hebijima has been waiting for you in the car at the end



The doors will now close.



Joe Gillian, correct?



And you are?



Mr. Hebijima is a very powerful man in this city. I think you would benefit from meeting him.



I'm not planning to see anyone today. I'm goin' out for Chinese.



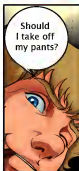
My name
is Bridget Lin,
Mr. Hebijima's
private
secretary.



Sorry!

This is
a freight
car!

Mr.
Hebijima is
waiting in
here.



Should
I take off
my pants?



I'm going
to have
to search
you.



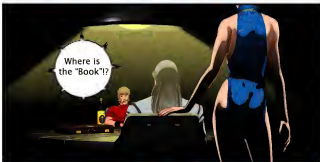




I told you, I'm
a toothbrush
salesman. I use
that to convince
people to buy.



Wow!
This gun is
huge. You
hunting
whales or
something?



The
"Book"!?





Mad Lee,
the "Twin
Dragons."



Blood Dog,
"Hell's
Doctor"...



Surprise,
surprise...



Is this
a bargain sale
for hitmen?



And you,
Caligula,
"Red Eyes."



Balquere,
the "Human
Weapon."



You guys are
the size of
dinosaurs.
Both your
bodies and
brains.

You're notorious
for the bounties
on your head.
A five year old
would know who
you are.



How do you
know about
us...?



You son
of a...!
You askin'
to get
killed?

I'll ask one more time.
Where is the "Book"!?

Cut it out!
Don't even think about firing that off in a place like this.

A man with this insignia on his bag...

The man who had the "Book" up until now he handed it to another man.

The "Book"...!?
What book?
I don't sell bibles.











Belts made in Hong Kong look good, but they're very low quality. It will tear soon.





A man cannot
live with this
needle pierced
in his brain.

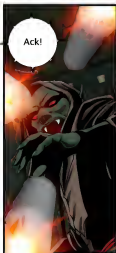
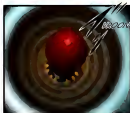


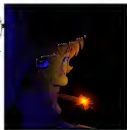
Graah!



What
the hell!!?







Keh heh heh...
I'm gonna chop
that big nose
off.



I'll pass
on that.



Keh heh heh...
He's not
the only one
who can see in
the dark.

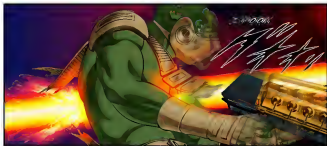
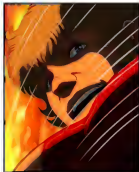


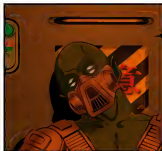
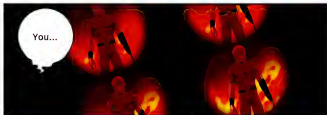
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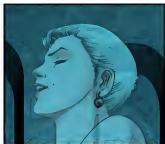
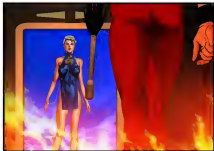


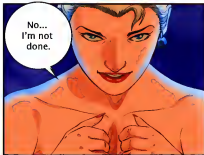
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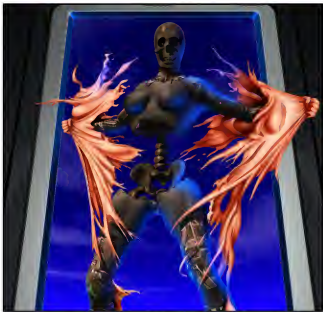
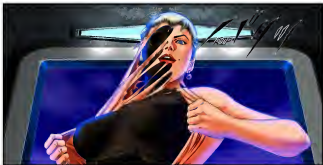
















Hebijima's secretary was a Death Machine...? It must have been a spy for Ryuju.



That's a Death Machine guarding Ryuju.

What's that?



S... So in other words...



I was
a truck driver for
their smuggling
operation..



The book
contains
the location of
the universe's
secret treasure,
the "Blue Rose"
...

Hebijima
acquired
the "Book
of Megid"...



...Hebijima was
the boss of
a Hong Kong gang.
The one who's
lying over
there.



And the ones
who tried to snatch
the "Book" were
sent by Ryuju,
who's based
in Macau.



And you're
the one who
tried to swipe
the "Book" from
between
the two.



They looked
everywhere for
the "Book," but
they forgot that
my species has
natural
pouches.



This is
the "Book."



Fortune,
huh...?
Why did you tell
them I had
the "Book"?



It was fate.
God blessed
me with great
fortune...

Now don't
say that.
This book fell
in my lap.



I'm not
rescuing you.
I'm getting
off.



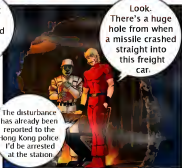
Getting off?
We're not
at Hong Kong
Station yet.



My bad.
I just thought
that the pirate
Cobra would
surely come
to my rescue.



They might
not serve
Chinese food
in prison.



Look.
There's a huge
hole from when
a missile crashed
straight into
this freight
car.

The disturbance
has already been
reported to the
Hong Kong police.
I'd be arrested
at the station.



Wait, Cobra!
I thought
we were
friends!



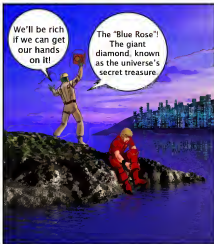


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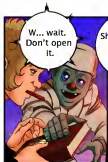
All unidentifiable people have been restrained.



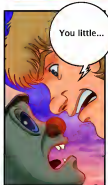








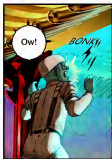
You'll
get sucked into
the book as soon
as you open it...
just like
Secret.

















I heard you run
casinos...

Yes,
I own 2,000
hotels with
casinos
in Macau.



Don't you
have enough
diamonds
for
a lifetime?

You must be
really rich...
Why are you
interested in
the Blue
Rose?



The Blue Rose
isn't a diamond...
It's something far
more valuable...
Something you
can't put
a price on.

...and I have
the "Key"...
If we find
the Blue Rose,
how about we
split the
treasure?



Haha...
The Blue
Rose, a
diamond...



How about
we make a deal?
You have the
"Book of Megid"...



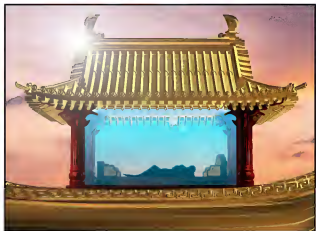
Same here.
I've almost gotten
myself killed too
many times trusting
people. I watch my
step every time
I hear the word
"trust."



So
you're saying
you trust me?



Trust? I've
lived three times
longer than you
have...
I've stopped trusting
people ages ago.





Now landing
in the Sky
Castle.



The castle
is in sight.



Sky
Castle...!?

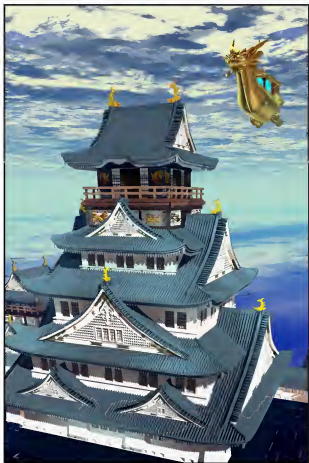


That's right!
That's my
castle.

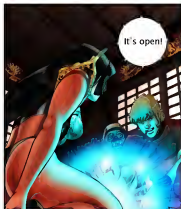




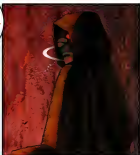
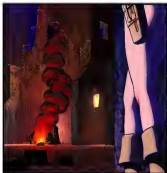




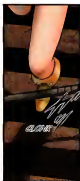














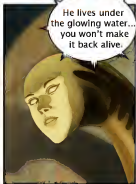




It's
dangerous
beyond here...
you should
return.



He lives under
the glowing water...
you won't make
it back alive.



Why!?

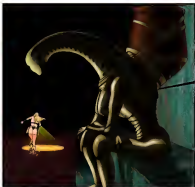




Thanks for
the heads up,
but it looks
like I have
no choice.



Who's
he...!?



Of course.
Human meat is
soft, like
marshmallows...
Especially
the women...

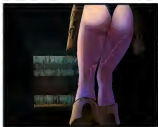
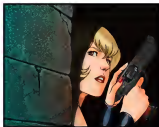


So what?
We haven't had
Earthling meat
in too long.
We're not
going back.

Oh no,
this is his
dwelling.

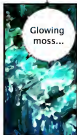


Have you ever
even eaten
human before?

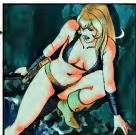


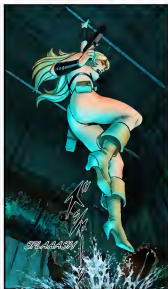


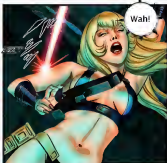
That's
what's
illuminating
everything...

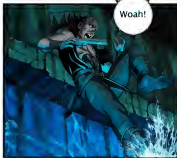


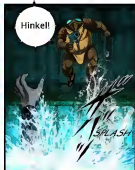
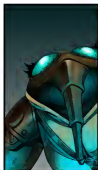
Glowing
moss...

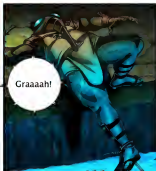
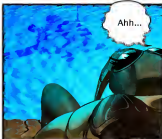
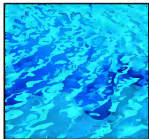


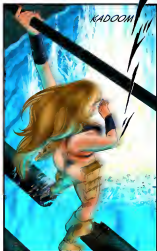


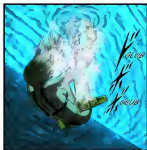
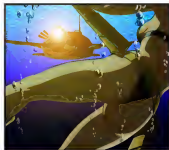




















How can
you tell?
Am I wearing
mismatching
socks?



Cobra...
you're not
married,
are you?



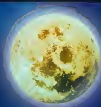
The Blue Rose
is a medicine
for perpetual
youth and
longevity. If the
two of us
take it...



Hey, Cobra.
How about
living here,
with me?

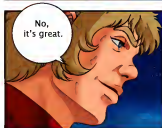


For thousands,
no, tens of
thousands
of nights...
for as long as
the universe
exists...



...we
can be
in love
forever.



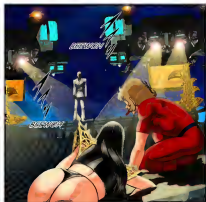
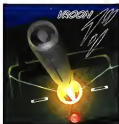
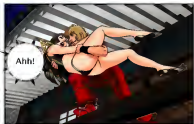


We have reason
to believe that
the felon Cobra
the pirate is
hiding in your
castle

This is the
Hong Kong
police!
We have the
castle
surrounded!

Hand
him over
immediately!







I'm different
from before...
I'll pay you back
right here.



The Galaxy
Patrol provided
me with this
fashionable
look.



Nice to see you,
Cobra.
I came back
from hell just
to see you.



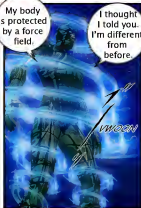
I wouldn't if
I were you.
The same thing
happens every
time. I draw
faster
than you.

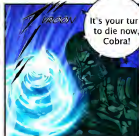




My body is protected by a force field.

I thought I told you. I'm different from before.



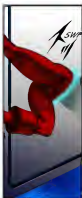
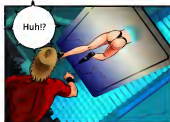
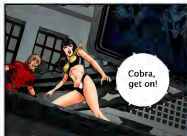


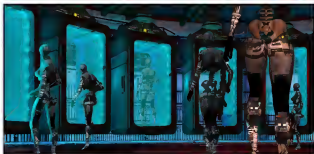
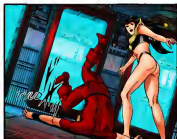
It's your turn
to die now,
Cobra!



SLAM





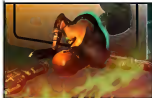
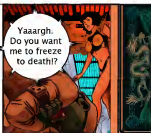


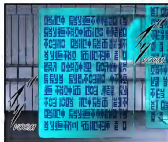
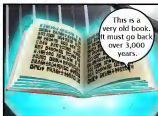




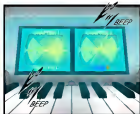








Chapter One has been inputted. We can decode it right away.



Let's start with just one chapter for now.



No, I don't.



What? You don't trust us?



Are you kidding!? You're the one who can't be trusted!



We'll save the rest for later.

!?



Cobra,
stop by
my room
later.

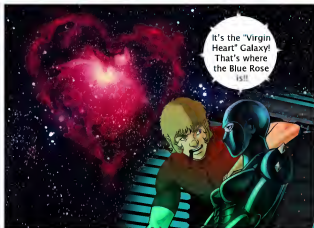


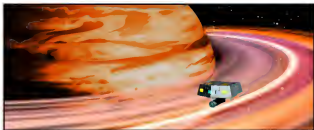
...on your
first trip
to Earth in
a while.

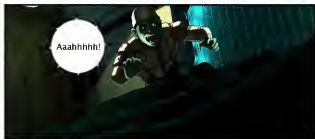


So, Cobra...
looks like you
had yourself
some fun...

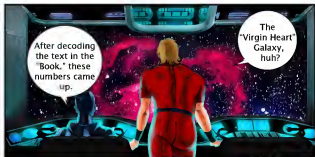








Aaahhhhh!



After decoding
the text in the
"Book," these
numbers came
up.

The
"Virgin Heart"
Galaxy,
huh?



PM0127, an
unknown star...
There's no
information

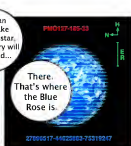


it's probably
the coordinates
of the star where
the Blue Rose
is hidden...

Looks
like it!
Check up
on that.



Look at
the
monitor.





It's just my age...
I'm an old lady,
you know...
120 years old.



What's
going on...?
Are you sick,
Ryuju?

Don't worry,
I'm not sick.



Hmph!
I won't let
that hag take all
the diamonds
for herself!



Let's
let them
be.



You freak!
So this is
your true
form!



But...
the drugs
started losing
their effect
...!

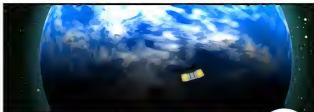
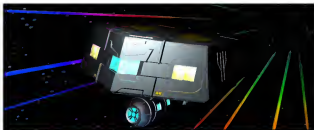


Drugs...
I've been using
drugs to make
myself look
young.

But,
you didn't
look this old
before...







Because you are
a member of
the Galaxy Patrol...
I knew from your
gun.

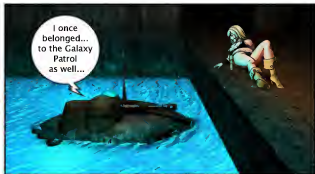


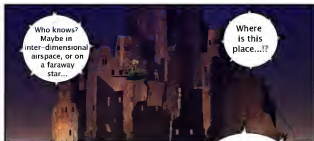
Why...!?

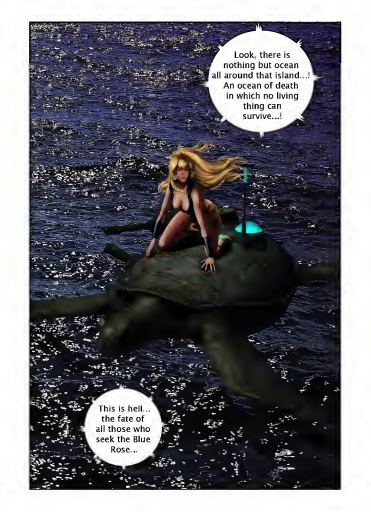


You saved
me?

That's
right...







Look, there is
nothing but ocean
all around that island...!
An ocean of death
in which no living
thing can
survive...!

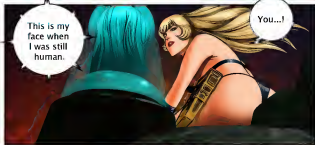
This is hell...
the fate of
all those who
seek the Blue
Rose...



Judging from
your reaction,
it seems you
came here not
knowing
anything.



The
Blue Rose...!?
The universe's
legendary
secret
treasure!



This is my
face when
I was still
human.

You...!



That was
ages ago,
when I opened
that book...

And finally,
I found the
"Book of
Megid"...



I wandered
the universe
seeking
the Blue Rose...



The Blue Rose
is...
"Truth,"
manifested by
the universe.

The Blue Rose is
not a treasure
like gold or
silver... It does
not have
form.

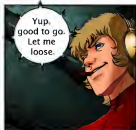


"Truth,"
conjured by
God...!



It can answer
any question
in the universe...
It's "Truth,"
conjured
by God...







Do you see anything?



According to the coordinates, it should be around here...!





Ahh!



What about the Blue Rose?
The diamonds?



Who gives a crap?



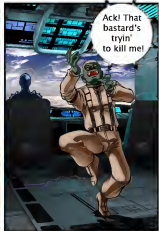
No, just got some ketchup on my shirt.



You found it, Cobra?

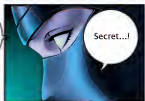


Huh...!?



Ack! That bastard's tryin' to kill me!







What did you say?!

Are you the Secret with the mole on your left nipple?



Yep, that's her.

I'll tear your face off when I see you!

How do you know that?!



I can't hear him anymore ...

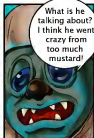
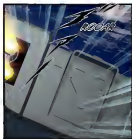
BZZZZT
BZZZZZZ

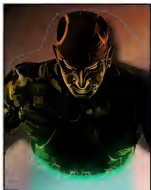


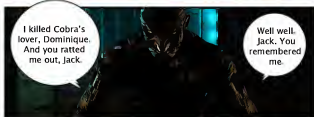
It's probably a sound wave-based communication device.

It probably caught our sonar signal. I can pinpoint the source.

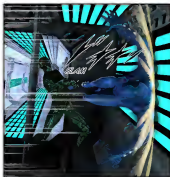
Are you sure it was her, Cobra? We couldn't hear anything on our end.











Contact him.
Tell me his
communication
numbers.

On a
picnic,
who
knows?

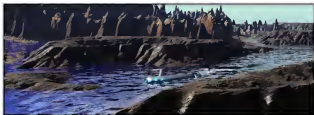
Where did
Cobra
go?

Go check
the phone
book.

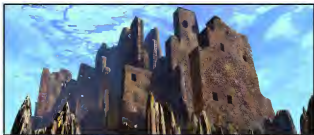
Lady,
the source of
Secret's signals
is on an island
nearby.





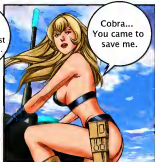




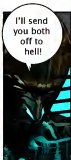


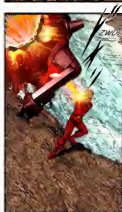


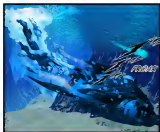
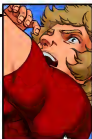
Wish I could say that, but this is just coincidence.















He is
hiding with
that woman
somewhere!

Find him!
Cobra cannot
leave this
island!



Burn
the village
to the
ground!

Kill
anything
that lives
or moves!



They've
started
a mass
killing.



Destroy an
entire village
just to kill
one enemy...

This method
has been used
repeatedly
in war...



They won't
stop until they
find him and
confirm he's
dead...



Why? You're
a powerful
war machine!
With your heavy
weaponry, you can
take them!



I'm afraid
I cannot.

Zailar, save
the village
people!



I've seen
this unfold
countless
times...

VOOM!



I've grown
weary of
battle...

Please!
Save
them!



As a Federation
States soldier, I've killed
thousands of aliens...
Razed hundreds of
villages...



Even when
I still had
the body of
a human...



...my battles
were far from
over.

Even after
I lost my body
in that war and
became a
cyborg...

In the chaos,
you can't tell
friend from foe...
You simply scatter
amidst the flames
of hell...

It was
a horrible
war...



Burn and destroy
everything...
This continued
endlessly.



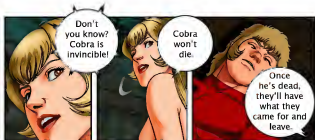
...



I am tired...
I can no
longer fight.



That man will
die as well...
Three shots have
penetrated him...
He cannot be
saved...





You can't!
Not with
those
injuries!



Dobel is
excited to see
me.
Thought I'd pop
in to say hi.



Got
a buddy
comin'
with me.



Nah...



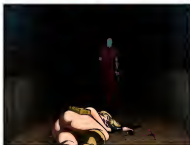
You're
thinking of
going alone?
Cobra!



I'll go
with you!



Me and my
left arm.





He couldn't have just disappeared.

He's nowhere to be found.



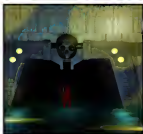
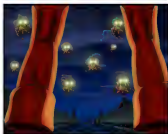
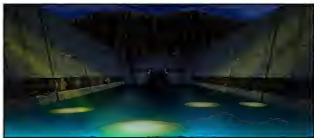
On the north side of the island, there's an entrance to an irrigation channel. That's where you'll find me.



Dobel, let's settle this.

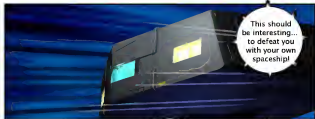


Heh heh heh... The irrigation channel.



I found
you.
Cobra!





This should
be interesting...
to defeat you
with your own
spaceship!



The prided
armored shield
of the
Turtle...



Never
hurts
to try!



Not even your
Psychogun can
penetrate it!





Take that!



It's no use.





Did
I get
him!?



Damn it!
Take that!

I'll
just have
to crush
you then!

Damn!
The Super
Blaster...



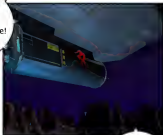
I think
I got him!



He's...
Cobra's
gone!



Woah!
He's stuck
to the Turtle!



Shoot
him down!



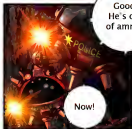


Cobra!
Leave the
small fish
to me!



Zallar...!





Good!
He's out
of ammo!

Now!







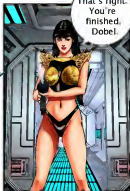
Number Seven!
Respond!
Number Eight!
What's
happening!?



Urgh!



You slipped up.
You can't use
your force field
anymore.



That's right.
You're
finished,
Dobel.



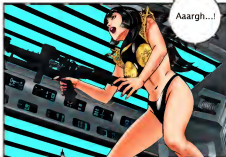
You're the one
who's gonna
die, Dobe!



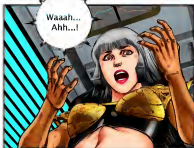
Lady!
You're still
alive...



Ryuju...!

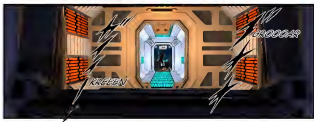


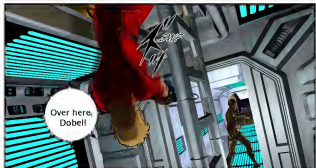
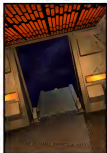
Aaargh...!



Waaah...
Ahh...!











You don't
look fine.



You
all right,
Lady?

Yeah...
I'm fine.



He's
in the
back...

Where's
Jack?



Ryuju...
poor thing.
Looks like the
drugs stopped
working...!



Yeah, tons!
It's all yours
too.





During the war...
we razed a small
village...



Do you
know why
I was looking
for the Blue
Rose...?



It was
a young girl.
She was
alone...

Then... someone
rushed out of
a burning hut that
we thought was
empty...



...trying to get
a glimpse of
the soldier
that killed
her?

I want to know.
Was the dying
girl...



From the
midst of
the flames,
she looked
towards us
slowly.



I've continued to
wander through
the universe,
just to find
the answer...



Was
she looking
at me...!?



The Blue Rose
is at the bottom
of the ocean.
You'll find it,
right?



You said
the Blue Rose
is God's truth
conjured. It will
answer your
question...



I'm sure.
I saw it with
my own
eyes.



Cobra,
are you sure...?
Is it really
there...!?





With those wounds, he's a goner either way.



Cobra...
It's an ocean of pure drugs... He'll start hallucinating ... and before long, he'll die...



At least he'll find what he was looking for in the end.



Yeah...
It collapsed 5,000 years ago... then it was forgotten. It's the Garden of Eden that nobody remembers.

I've analyzed the entire Book of Megid... Belbarad was once a resort planet...



When the moss started spreading at abnormal rates, no one wanted to be near the place...

It's because of the glowing moss... when it melts in water, it produces drugs...



I see, the book does transport you there instantly.

And that "Book" was a free tourist pass to visit the place...



Ryju thought it would make her young forever...

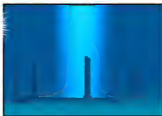
Jack thought the Blue Rose was diamonds...

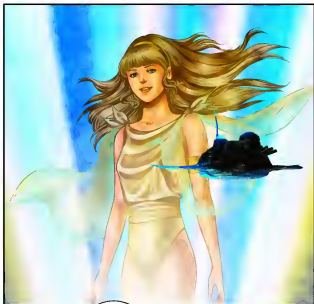
Zallar thought it was God's "Truth" conjured...



A beautiful city, forgotten by men...! But somehow, it became connected with the legend of the Blue Rose over time...









Everyone has something they want to find out no matter what.



Maybe...



You're wondering if Secret really isn't Dominique, right?

You want to know about Secret...? She looks just like Dominique...



Dominique was the one with the mole on her nipple.



A love letter...?

Cobra, you got a love letter from Secret.



COBRA: Blue Rose

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